
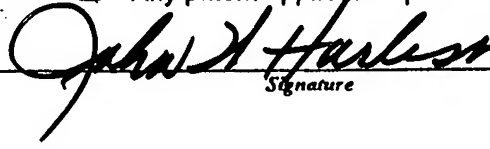
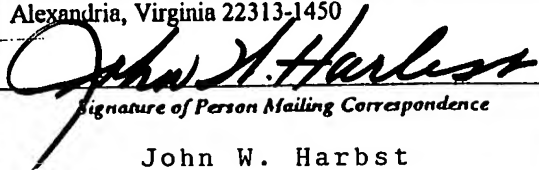


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Applicant(s): GAYDOS, C. C., et al.					
Serial No. 10/730,300	Filing Date December 8, 2003	Examiner Andre' L. Jackson	Group Art Unit 3677		
Invention: <b>RAILROAD CAR HATCH COVER HINGE STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING A HATCH COVER TO A RAILCAR</b> 					
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AMENDMENT "A"

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Sir:

Responding to a March 22, 2005 Office Action, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: